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SUBJECT: MALIAN REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 158083

1. AMBASSADOR SIMA'S ASSURANCES NOTWITHSTANDING, THE BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA MAY HAVE BEEN PUT ON THE BACK BURNER BUT IT HAS NOT BEEN SETTLED. EACH COUNTRY HAS MAINTAINED ITS POSITION AS TO WHERE THE BORDER IS, AND NO EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO MARK THE BORDER AS RECOMMENDED BY THE OAU MEDIATION COMMISSION. THE VOLTAN ARMY STILL COMPRISES SOME 9,000 MEN, AS COMPARED TO SOME 2,000 BEFORE THE BORDER INCIDENTS IN DECEMBER 1974, AND MOST OF THE ARMY REMAINS POSTED IN PLATOON AND COMPANY CAMPS ALONG THE MALI BORDER. LAST MAY A FRENCH TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT BASED IN DAKAR CONDUCTED TRAINING EXERCISES FOR VOLTAN PARATROOPERS.

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2. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS LITTLE TALK OF THE BORDER DISPUTE IN OUAGADOUGOU AND THE SUBJECT RARELY COMES UP IN CONVERSATION WITH VOLTAN OFFICIALS. THE GOUV POSITION APPEARS TO BE ONE OF "WAIT AND SEE". IT IS LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT A RESUMPTION OF US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO MALI AT THIS TIME, WHILE THE LONG STANDING VOLTAN REQUEST FOR MILITARY SALES AND THE RECENT

REQUEST FOR MILITARY TRAINING REMAIN UNANSWERED,
WOULD BE VERY BADLY RECEIVED BY VOLTAN OFFICIALS,

PARTICULARLY BY PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AND OTHER MILITARY
LEADERS. IF BOTH COUNTRIES RECEIVED TOKEN US MILITARY
ASSISTANCE, THE VOLTANS WOULD NOT LIKE IT BUT THEY COULD
BE PERSUADED TO LIVE WITH IT.
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